GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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POST OFFICES IN PRIVATE SHOPS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the prescribed norms under which private shops are operating as Post Offices;

(b) whether a number of shops in Uttaranchal and Andhra Pradesh are operating as post offices and violating the norms;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(f) the action taken against the guilty officers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No private shop is authorised to operate as a post office. However in rural and semi urban areas Gramin Dak Seva Branch Post Office and Gramin Dak Seva Sub Post Office (formerly called Extra Departmental Branch Post Office and Extra Departmental Sub Post Office respectively) may function from the premises of a shop, if such a space is offered as a condition of employment by a person selected as Gramin Dak Sevak Sub Postmaster or Gramin Dak Sevak Branch Postmaster (formerly called Extra Departmental Sub Postmaster/Extra Departmental Branch Postmaster) to operate the post office.

(b) Question of shops operating as post offices in violation of norms does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) to (f): Do not arise in view of (b) above.